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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): YOSHIOKA, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/493,104  
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For: METHOD OF PROCESSING SPECIMENS, AND APPARATUS  
THEREFOR AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE OF A  
MAGNETIC HEAD  
Group: 1763  
Examiner: A. Olsen

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.